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E.O. 11652 GDS

TAGS: ASEC

SUBJ: SECURITY SITUATION - ANKARA

REF: ANKARA 3168

1. OUR PREVIOUS SECURITY ASSESSMENT WAS BASED ON: A) THREATS AGAINST NATO OFFICERS IN IZMIR, B) AN AMBUSH THREAT BY ACILCILER (LOCAL TERRORIST GROUP), C) THE BLACK JUNE THREAT AND D) THE GENERAL DETERIORATION OF THE INTERNAL SECURITY SITUATION.

THERE HAS BEEN NO NEW INFORMATION DEVELOPED OR RECEIVED CONCERNING THE NATO OR ACILCILER THREATS. THE BLACK JUNE THREAT APPARENTLY WAS A COMPOSITE OF TWO DIFFERENT REPORTS AND LOST MUCH OF ITS VALIDITY.

POST AND LOCAL POLICE OFFICIALS FEEL THAT THE GENERAL SITUATION APPEARS TO HAVE STABILIZED WITH A SLIGHT LESSENING OF THE OVERALL THREAT. IF THE CURRENT LEVEL OF BOMBINGS AND VIOLENCE SHOULD CONTINUE, THE NUMBER OF BOMBING INCIDENTS WILL HAVE DOUBLED OVER '77 FIGURES, BUT THE NUMBER OF PERSONS KILLED WILL REMAIN CLOSE TO THE SAME. PRIME MINISTER ECEVIT HAS CONTINUALLY TAKEN A STAND AGAINST IMPOSING MARTIAL LAW BUT HAS YET TO TAKE DRASIC MEASURES TO CUT THE VIOLENCE.

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IF THE COUNTRY CAN MAKE IT TILL JUNE WITHOUT A FURTHER UPSURGE IN VIOLENCE, THE UNIVERSITIES WILL CLOSE DOWN AND THIS WILL GIVE ECEVIT AND THE POLICE A CHANCE TO CONSOLIDATE THEIR FORCES AND POSSIBLY DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT PLANS TO CURB FURTHER VIOLENCE ACTS. NEGATIVE CONGRESSIONAL ACTION ON THE EMBARGO COULD CAUSE THE LOCAL TERRORIST AND POLITICAL GROUPS TO HEIGHTEN THEIR EMPHASIS ON U.S. TARGETS.

2. THE 12-HOUR MSG COVERAGE AT THE AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE WAS TERMINATED MAY 8 AT 0730 HOURS. A DAILY EVENING CHECK WILL BE CONTINUED, AND EXTRA COVERAGE WILL BE PROVIDED FOR SPECIAL EVENTS AT THE AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE.

3. SINCE REFTEL, THE FOLLOWING HAS BEEN DONE:

- A) AUTHORIZTION HAS BEEN RECEIVED TO HIRE BODYGUARD/DRIVERS FOR THE AMBASSADOR AND DCM.
- B) AUTHORIZATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED TO HIRE SIX ADDITIONAL CONTRACT GUARDS TO INCREASE GUARD COVERAGE AT DCM'S RESIDENCE TO 24 HOURS AND TO START A NEW 24-HOUR POST AT THE AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE.
- C) AIRGRAMS WILL BE FORTHCOMING ON THE LOBBY PROJECT. THE AMBASSADOR AND DCM'S RESIDENCES WERE INSPECTED AND AIRGRAMS WILL BE FORTHCOMING ON PROPOSALS FOR SECURITY IMPROVEMENTS.
- D) SURVEY WAS INITIATED TO IDENTIFY BUILDINGS WHERE AMERICAN PERSONNEL CURRENTLY RESIDE THAT COULD BECOME POTENTIAL TARGETS BECAUSE OF OTHER OCCUPANTS.
- E) EMBASSY HAS INITIATED A SURVEY TO IDENTIFY BUILDING THAT COULD BE USED TO CENTRALIZE STAFF HOUSING.
- F) TRAINING SESSIONS WERE HELD WITH THE CONTRACT BODYGUARDS WHICH INCLUDED A PROTECTIVE SECURITY LECTURE AND SHOWING FILMS INVOLVING ASSASSINATION ATTEMPTS.
- G) CONTACTED A LOCAL BRITISH CCTV DISTRIBUTOR TO OBTAIN ESTIMATED ON A LOCALLY-PROCURED, INSTALLED AND MAINTAINED CONFIDENTIAL

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CCTV SYSTEM. OF THE POST'S THREE CCTV UNITS, ONE CAMERA HAD TO BE TAKEN TO ATHENS FOR REPAIRS, AND ANOTHER HAS FAILED SINCE TSO'S DEPARTURE APRIL 21.

H) SY COM VEHICLE ARRIVED IN ISTANBUL AND IS AWAITING CUSTOMS CLEARANCE. MC 76 UNIT WAS FORWARDED TO CEO-R DEBNAR FOR INSTALLATION BEFORE TRANSFER OF VEHICLE TO ANKARA.

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